

**ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 14, 2023**

Present: Doug Bradley, Jim Carroll, Pam Cuda, Richard Hurd, Kathy Landon, Diana Laurent, Mark McDermott, Mary Miller, Joyce Monroe, Jim Patton, Mary Kay Quiggle, Eileen Schuchman, Pat Stadelmaier, Sharon Steinberg, Sandy Stockton, Bruce Toder, Betty Youmans. **Two New Members:** Elizabeth Harnett and Jim Austin. **Absent:** Ornit Grossman and Mike Mihevc.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Betty Youmans.

Betty thanked Mary Kay who recently moved for her service. She also thanked Jim for putting together the information packet. Jim asked if there was any wrong information to let him know.

Minutes of March 30, 2023: Minutes Approved (Mary & Pat).

Treasurer's Report: Mark submitted the 2023 Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the 2024 Preliminary Budget. Our net worth as of June 30, 2023 was \$28,998. A question was raised about the amount of free plays. Jim said 12 free plays (\$144) were turned in at the recent sectional. A motion was made to approve the 2023 Statement of Assets and Liabilities **(Kathy/Mary Kay)**. A motion was made to approve the 2024 Preliminary Budget **(Pat/Doug)**. **Both approved.**

A question was raised about the amount allocated for Advertising. Jim said he doesn't know if we do any. Last year, we had our own Constant Contact account. However, we now tap into the District CC account so that expense should be zero.

Executive Committee Actions:

Jim said the Executive Committee has approved the purchase of 8 sets of boards to be used at sectionals and regionals.

The Executive Committee also authorized sharing the cost (with the Rochester Area Bridge Association) of renting a storage facility in Rochester. This would come under Supplies in the expense part of the Statement of Income and Expense.

Old Business:

Status of face-to-face play in local clubs:

Mary Kay said her game has not been held in 3 years. They will know by the end of the year whether they will have a live game. In the meanwhile, Mary Kay has moved out of the area.

Pat said she has both F2F and online games in Elmira.

Manlius game- Jim A. will check into this.

Oswego has games Monday & Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Canton game – Joyce said they meet in Madrid.

Ogdensburg – Jim has tried to reach Jim Durr – no answer.

Mary said sanctions are renewed at the end of the year so we should check in January. Mary also asked if the Game Status sheet could be printed in a lighter shade.

Encouraging players to become directors and teachers: There is a shortage of both. Jim said we do have money to subsidize the cost. Mary doesn't think you can take the teacher's course online. Mary said she had an inquiry from Edy Krauss – Rich said he will talk to Edy.

2023 STaC participation: 2022 individuals have so far participated. There is another one coming up in November – we should encourage people to play.

Regional Report: We made a profit of just over \$400 for the F2F plus online components. The online game the next day contributed \$800. There were 534 tables. The Regional will be held at the Jewish Community Center again next year and we always need volunteers.

Report on Sectionals: We had 66 tables at the sectional in October. The attendance is usually lowest in the Fall. If we are able to get Brian Meyer to direct it costs us less. Some people had trouble finding the location – Jim has the signs that say BRIDGE with an arrow which he will use those in the Spring.

New Business:

Attract New Members:

Mark said survey showed only 25% to attract and 25% to retain.

Mary offers free plays the first time to newer players. She said instead of the secretary sending new members a free play to a sectional, she could send free plays to their local club. Everyone thought that was a great idea. Jim moved that we adopt that suggestion. Mary Kay said the certificates should be non-transferable and only could be used for face-to-face games. Mary and Sandy will work on developing a new certificate. Directors would be encouraged to turn them in once a month to Mark. **A motion was made that 2 free plays for local club games be awarded to new members and logistics would be worked out. (Betty/Mary). Approved.**

Lapsed Members Update:

Bruce sent out an e-mail but only heard from a few of them. Mary said she had three who renewed their membership.

District 4 Charity Grant:

Betty said nobody applied for the grant so she asked for a grant for \$2,000 to the Jewish Community Center. Her understanding is that it is going to be for \$3,000. Hope they start up a beginning bridge class.

2024 Regional – August 5-9 F2F and August 10 online:

Betty said we have 8 boards that she recently purchased but would like to purchase more boards to be used at the regional. She would like to have 24 boards. For 16 boards the cost would be about \$2800. Jim said we could purchase 8 and use 8 old ones from Rochester and just replace the cards. Doug will assess just how many boards we do have. Mary said she has 2 or 3 sets she could donate for team games (they are plastic and do not open).

A motion was made to buy 12 sets of boards (including cards and carrying cases) to be used in Sectionals. (Ellen/Kathy) Approved. Jim made a motion that the unit buy cards for the other 8 boards. (Pam/Mark). Approved.

Upcoming Sectional Tournaments:

Several STaC games are scheduled and players are encouraged to play in order to get silver points.

Bruce said the following dates are set for sectionals in Rochester in 2024: April 13-14; May 30-31 (I/N); June 15-16 and October 12-13. May 30-31 is a T/F – difficult to find a spot for a Saturday/Sunday game.

Seneca Falls: November 9-10: Committee is working on a new site for next year.

Unit Championships: Mary said more of these are available. Bruce said 12 are available. Mary felt we should use more of these.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Jim/Pat).

The date of the next meeting will be announced later.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary